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March 11, 2008

Dr. Robert Lovingood, Superintendent
Christian County School District
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Dear Dr. Lovingood:

Thank you for the report on the district's support plan for assisting Christian County schools that you presented to the Kentucky Board of Education in 2007. After your presentation, the board requested your attendance once again at the April 2008 meeting to share an update on Christian County's progress in assisting low-performing schools.

You are scheduled to report to the full board on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at 1 p.m. EDT. Approximately one hour has been allotted for your presentation. Fifteen minutes should be used to address the bulleted items below, with the remaining 45 minutes for questions and answers.

To assist in reporting your progress at the meeting, we are forwarding Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) updated reports on the school and district deficiencies and next steps. These reports are based on district and school documentation, observations, walkthroughs and interviews. They were developed in collaboration with KDE staff, VPAT members and the assigned highly skilled educators. These may be used as supportive information to aid you with preparing your report and clarifying the progress of the district in addressing the deficiencies.

Your report should consist of only the information listed below. This time will be dedicated to discussing the most important data.

- On-going student achievement data in reading and mathematics – evidence from August 2007 through March 2008 of student performance growth as determined by learning checks, diagnostic assessments, PAS, or other assessments of student learning
- A comparison with both percentages and raw numbers between African-Americans, white, limited English proficiency, economically disadvantaged (free /reduced lunch) students and students with disabilities

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- Non-academic data, to include suspensions (in class and out), office referrals, expulsions, alternative placements, dropouts, attendance for students, attendance for teachers and failure rate by grade
- A measure of access to curriculum (i.e., percent of 8th grade students in algebra and percent of special education students in full collaboration)
- A description of superintendent's process for supporting and holding accountable the principals of low-performing schools

Please submit your report to Stephen Schenck, Associate Commissioner, Office of Leadership and School Improvement, stephen.schenck@education.ky.gov, by March 24, 2008. If you have questions, contact Mr. Schenck at the above e-mail address or at (502) 564-2116.

I look forward to meeting you again and hearing about your progress in Christian County.

Sincerely,

Jon E. Draud

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